

After only being an XM Satellite Radio subscriber for the last month I have already found that it has proved itself as the most useful item I have in my auto. Being able to listen to constant traffic updates has save me wasting time and fuel being stuck in traffic. There is only one local news channel in Chicago that provides local traffic updates and they only do the traffic reports every ten minutes and only give the most cursory information. The Chicago metropolitan area is congested with traffic on its many roads and highways and trying to listen to the speed reader on the local station try to cram in the traffic report in 30 seconds or less so another commercial can be crammed in is near to impossible. Miss anything that is said and you have to wait another 10 minutes. Outside of the normal drive time rush hours and on weekends the traffic reports are few and far between. The reports on XM are detailed, precise and informative.

In addition, with the recent heavy rains in the northeast Illinois area, the constant weather alerts and updates also proved valuable, especially with many roads in my local area that were closed due to flooding of the Des Plaines river.

In closing, I respectfully request the FCC to reject fully the National Association of Broadcasters petition 04-160.